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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 890,000 head as of September 1, 2010. The latest inventory was up 4 percent from September 1, 2009, but no change from the previous month. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 185,000 head of fed cattle during August 2010. This represented a 12 percent increase from the July 2010 marketings, but 3 percent decrease from the August marketings one year earlier. An estimated 190,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during August, up 36 percent from July 2010 placements but down 7 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in August, 13 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 11 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 29 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 47 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for August, at 5,000 head, was the same as last month and last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on September 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above September 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.27 million, 7 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.22 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000, 600-699 pounds were 395,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 815,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during August, 16 percent below 2009.